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25X1 1. [ ] At the request of Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, Mr. [ ], OPPB, and I met with him to talk further about the cost of U.S. programs in Laos. Braswell is particularly concerned about the disparity between figures used by Senator Symington at the secret session of the Senate as compared to figures given the Committee by DOD in its budget material. Mr. [ ] reviewed the

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25X1 2. [ ] Mr. Larry McHugh, Joint Economic Committee staff, called to say Senator Proxmire plans to have his Subcommittee on Priorities and Economy in Government hold hearings on Soviet economic development and military posture this August. He said the Chairman would like to have Mr. Helms or his representatives (he mentioned Rush Greenslade as one possibility) appear before the Subcommittee in open session on 9 August to testify on the Soviet economy. I recalled for Mr. McHugh's benefit that the only time a Director of Central Intelligence ever appeared in open session was in JEC hearings in November 1959 and added I thought neither our Director nor our Committee chairmen were anxious for this kind of public appearance. I said I would look into this, however, and be back in touch with him.

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